



Kevin McClosky (left), simulator instructor with Lear Siegler Services, Inc., reviews jet engine operations with Polish pilots (left to right) Capt. Tomasz Lyzwa, Maj. Krzysztof Prochniak, Capt. Mariusz Pawelec and Maj. Cezary Wisniewski. (Photo by Bob Hieronymus)

Foreign training mission grows

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

To say that Randolph's mission has a global impact is not an understatement. In 2004, Randolph flying units provided training for 361 students from 32 foreign countries, and those numbers are programmed to continue for the foreseeable future, officials said.

"The number of foreign students here has tripled since September 2001," said Roy Lozano, 12th Operations Support Squadron program liaison officer. "There is a greater appreciation today for the way people of friendly nations can work together. This week we're due to receive another 57 students, some of them for an eight-month pilot instructor course. This is going to be another busy year for international training here."

Three officers from a group attached to the 563rd Flying Training Squadron and enrolled in the NATO Electronic Warfare Officers course represent a small segment of the many countries that send officers to train here. Although they come from different parts of the world and have various backgrounds and experiences, they all share the same enthusiasm to learn.

Maj. Asim Cem Ustunel is a communications staff officer in the headquarters of a Turkish Army

electronic warfare unit.

"I came here to learn more about how to manage or command electronic warfare units of my own service," he said. "I spent nine weeks in the Defense Language School at Lackland Air Force Base before coming here, so now I am able to understand so much more of the English language. There is so much technical information in the EWO course but the instructors are careful to make sure we understand everything."

Maj. Georgios Triantaris is an A-7 Corsair flight instructor in his home country of Greece and is also an instructor in their electronic warfare school.

"I am especially interested in how to develop course materials for our EWO school," he said. "I always have lots of questions."

Maj. Stefan Menn from Germany comes from a background as a fighter pilot. He has almost 3,000 hours, much of it in the Tornado fighter-bomber. With 20 years of active duty experience behind him, he is now assigned to the German Air Force Training Command. He completed training in the T-38 at Sheppard AFB and has spent almost five years on various NATO assignments in Texas.

"My specialty now is selecting officers for training in electronic warfare, so I want to absorb everything I can about what the EWO is expected to know," he said.

The three officers were unanimous in their

assessment of people in America. "They are so much more open and friendly than in Europe," said Major Ustunel. "Strangers even talk to you in the stores."

"And Texas is so big!" added Major Triantaris, motioning with his hands.

Major Menn said he is always amazed at the way the Americans build military bases with all the services as an integral part of the infrastructure.

"In our home countries the military people don't have the luxury of all the amenities you enjoy," he said. "We expect to shop for all our personal and family needs in the local towns and the bases have only the minimum of facilities needed for the assigned missions."

In addition to the students attending courses with the 563rd FTS, foreign students receive flight instructor training in the 558th, 559th and 560th Flying Training Squadrons. The 12th Medical Group also has a special course in aerospace physiology taught in Spanish for Latin American students.

Mr. Lozano summarized his experience working with the foreign nationals by saying he enjoys their professional attitudes.

"You couldn't ask for more courteous people to work with," he said. "I'm glad we can be a part of this international exchange. There are long term benefits not only for the individuals who attend our schools but also for the nations on both sides of the exchange."

12th FLYING TRAINING WING TRAINING TIMELINE

As of Monday			Navigator, EWO training				Wing Flying Hour Program			
Pilot Instructor Training			562nd FTS		563rd FTS		Aircraft	Required	Flown	Annual
Squadron	Senior Class	Overall					T-1A	8263.1	8275.0	12,184
99th FTS	1.0	0.4	Air Force	228	Undergraduate	37	T-6A	11708.8	11841.3	17,290
558th FTS	0.3	-1.0	Navy	48	International	13	T-37B	6146.2	6291.3	8,444
559th FTS	1.1	-1.6	International	3	EWC Course	0	T-38C	6536.2	6481.2	10,204
560th FTS	1.8	2.6	NIFT	11	Fundamentals	0	T-43	2905.2	2902.8	4,293

Numbers reflect days ahead or behind for senior pilot instructor training class and an average for all PIT classes currently in training.

Numbers reflect students currently in training. The 562nd shows source of navigator students. Air Force students include Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. The 563rd indicates students in specific courses.

The required and flown numbers reflect hours flown between Oct. 1, 2004 to date. The annual numbers are total hours for fiscal year 2005.

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12th Flying Training Wing commander

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Deploying with attitude, it's a choice

By Lt. Col. Mary Boucher
12th Mission Support Squadron
commander

About four months ago, I got a phone call telling me I had been chosen for a short-notice deployment to the desert. The phone call was on a Monday morning, and the date-required-in-place was Wednesday.

Since I wasn't in a mobility position at the time, I said I would need more than 48 hours to get everything ready, but get ready I did. A week later, I left my husband and 2 1/2-year-old daughter to take care of each other and headed off to the sunny beaches of Qatar.

I could have been freaked out I only had one week to get everything ready, but I chose to see the short-notice as a good deal. Instead of being torn up and worried for weeks about having to leave my family behind, that one week of preparation was so full of things to do, I never had time to be depressed.

I could have been upset about being 8,170 miles away from my family for four months, but I knew that any deployment time would make me less vulnerable for the new one-year TDYs.

I could have been upset about being in the desert, sleeping in a 10-by-10 trailer room, walking outside to go over to the shower and bathroom building, and working 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week.

Instead I knew my base was a paradise compared to other bases down

range. We had great food at the dining halls. We had air-conditioned trailers instead of tents. We had real bathrooms instead of portable latrines. And working 12-hour days meant there was less time for me to be bored.

There were some familiar Randolph faces deployed to my location and there



were some new faces. I got to know old friends even better than before, and I got to make a lot of new friends. All in all, it was a great deployment.

So what's my point? Only this – I made a conscious choice to be happy with my deployment. Other people made the opposite choice, and it didn't do anyone any good.

Example 1: On Wednesdays at the dining halls, they would occasionally serve shrimp and lobster tails. While standing in line, I overheard a young woman say, "This is terrible. The lobster tails they serve are always so small!" Now I ask you, is that the right attitude to have when you're being served free lobster tails in a combat zone?

Example 2: The sleeping facilities allowed for most master sergeants and above and majors and above to have

dorm rooms with no roommates. Yet, I spent countless hours explaining to people why they couldn't have a room to themselves. Typical complaints were "my roommate snores, my roommate has smelly feet, I don't like the TV shows my roommate watches," etc.

Each of these complaints seemed to somehow warrant that the complainer deserved not just a different roommate, but a private room. And these complaints came from people who routinely went down range and lived in tents for a few days at a time. They knew the living conditions at our base were the best around, yet they still found something to be upset about.

These are just two examples of the endless complaints vocalized at my deployed base. I understand people need something to complain about – it's a legitimate way to let off some steam. Some good-natured complaining is par for the course and quite healthy.

But the next time you're deployed, think about the attitude that you want to take over with you. You can choose to make your deployment a positive experience or you can fall prey to a negative attitude. You can make your deployment time fun and enriching or sad and depressing. At the very least, your deployment can make you appreciate the benefits and joys you have at home with your family. Mine certainly did.

Uniforms more than just clothes

By Chief Master Sgt. Alan Sagocio
37th Training Group Superintendent

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Our uniform is more than just clothing. It, like our nation's flag, represents strength, bravery and integrity. It's a reflection of who we are and our willingness to serve.

There are thousands of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen serving in various locations around the world. Each day they don their uniforms and go in harm's way. Many are wounded and some give their lives.

Meanwhile, Airmen stationed at home are donating money to wear civilian clothes for the day as a way to increase morale and raise funds for squadron booster clubs. Our comrades don't have that option. Instead, they are giving their lives.

Although civilian clothes days may seem to be a well-thought-out opportunity, it really sends the wrong message to all of our brothers and sisters in uniform across our military here and abroad. While others are fighting for freedom in uniform, we at home station are willing to pay \$2 not to do so for one duty day under the auspices of improving morale. What about our comrades overseas? What about their morale?

Morale is driven by attitude and attitudes are controlled by each individual. Wearing civilian attire for one day won't make a huge difference for a unit suffering from low morale. Instead, these days foster an attitude that eats away at our discipline and standards that are required each day to execute our mission. If low morale is an issue, instead of looking to civilian clothes days as a possible solution, leaders need to

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Congratulations Retirees

Today
Master Sgt. Garry San Antonio
Air Education and Training Command

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Reprisal and Restriction

What you need to know about changes to the law

By Col. Pat Clyburn
12th Flying Training Wing
Inspector General

The May 2005 Secretary of the Air Force Worldwide Inspector General Conference served as a good venue to discuss several changes to Air Force policy and procedures.

One of the more significant changes was an amendment to United States Code Title 10, Section 1034, which defines the rights and rules regarding military members, protected communications and the prohibition of retaliatory personnel actions. The Department of Defense and, in turn, the Air Force has provided implementing language in a revision of AFI 90-301, Inspector General Complaints Resolution.

I would like to reiterate the basic rights each military member has and also point out the change.

What hasn't changed is the original intent of the law in that no person may prohibit or restrict a member of the armed forces in making a lawful or protected communication to a member of Congress or an inspector general.

Also, no person may prohibit or restrict a member of the armed forces in making or preparing to make a lawful communication or protected communication to others, specified in the AFI, when the member reasonably believes he or she has been the victim of or has evidence of a violation of any law or regulation, including laws or regulations prohibiting sexual harassment or unlawful discrimination, gross mismanagement, gross waste of funds, abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety.

Furthermore, no person may take or threaten to take an unfavorable personnel action, or withhold or threaten to withhold a favorable personnel action, as a reprisal against a member of the armed forces for making or preparing to make a protected communication.

The major change is who can receive this protected communication. As specified in the new AFI 90-301, the following may now receive protected communications:

- Personnel assigned to Department of Defense audit, inspection, investigation or law enforcement organizations;

military equal opportunity; and family advocacy

- Any person in the chain of command, defined as a commander serving at no lower than squadron level or equivalent
- Civilians designated to receive protected communications leading an organization designated as a unit in accordance with AFI 38-101
- Headquarters Air Force military leaders in the grade of colonel or above and civilian leaders in the grade of GS-15 or above who are heads of a division equivalent or higher-level office
- Air Officer commanding at the U.S. Air Force Academy
- Senior Air Force officer assigned to joint command headquarters
- **Flight commanders**
- Chief master sergeant of the Air Force, **command chief master sergeants and first sergeants**
- Air Force Academy members assigned to the cadet counseling and leadership development center

As you can see, flight commanders, chief master sergeants and first sergeants, in bold above, have been added to the list of people who can

receive a protected communication.

People in these positions are also the ones military members should have access to should they wish to make a lawful or protected communication concerning one of the wrongful actions listed earlier.

Although civilians are listed, the change to add them has a very narrow focus. As clarified by information from the Air Force Inspector General staff, "It is intended to address the potentiality of civilians serving as wing commander equivalents i.e., GS-15 or above. It is not intended for those civilians currently 'leading' squadrons and divisions."

We have an Air Force where people have the right to come forward should they believe that wrongful actions have occurred. Air Force leaders must address wrongful actions when people use the chain of command. But equally important is to ensure members can contact and not be reprised against for using other designated people or agencies to report wrongful actions. It is just that simple.

Please call my office at 652-7218 if you have questions about the Air Force Complaints Resolution process.

Uniforms

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talk to their people and find out what is really irritating their morale.

I believe our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airman don't mind wearing the uniform. It's the inconsistencies in leadership and a lack of understanding of our basic core values that frustrates them. Leaders who allow Airmen to pay not to wear their uniforms runs counter to our core values.

Leading from out-front with a positive attitude makes all the difference.

Let's do our part, wear our uniforms with pride, wear them sharply and embrace our basic core values.

No more civies for dollars!
(Courtesy of AETC news service)

News

Anthrax vaccine currently available to base members

By Capt. (Dr.) Joshua Sacha
Randolph clinic pediatrician

Effective immediately, the Emergency Use Authorization granted by the Food and Drug Administration allows resumption of the Anthrax Vaccination Immunization Program to all military members, emergency essential civilians and mission essential contract employees assigned to either U.S. Central Command or the Korean peninsula for a period greater than 15 days, according to Department of Defense officials.

Non-emergency essential DoD civilians, non-mission essential DoD contractors and adult family members, ages 18-65, of all military who are deploying or residing in the Korean peninsula or USCENTCOM for more than 15 days will be eligible for the vaccinations after the mission-critical people are addressed.

Under the terms of the program, vaccination is not considered mandatory and vaccine candidates may refuse the vaccine without penalty or retribution. These people will still be deployable.

Members eligible for vaccination can start the series 60 days before deployment. The vaccine series will terminate if the person leaves the covered areas prior to completing the series.

Under the current guidelines, fewer than 100 people at Randolph are expected to be affected by the new program. The current authorization from the FDA is set to expire at the end of July. Until then, further information regarding AVIP will be relayed to affected people only.

Mechanically inclined



Tech. Sgt. Anthony Brown, 12th Security Forces Squadron, works on his car at the Randolph Auto Skills Center Tuesday. The auto skills center includes 12 work stalls, six lifts, a four-wheel alignment machine and a computer analyzer for American-made automobiles. The center is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 652-2952. (Photo by Steve White)

New launch date projected for new civilian personnel system

System incorporates pay-for-performance compensation plan

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – The first phase of the Defense Department's new National Security Personnel System has been adjusted slightly to start later in the fiscal year, NSPS officials said June 7.

The Defense Department will work with the Office of Personnel Management to adjust the proposed NSPS regulation based on public comments and the meet-and-confer process with employee representatives, said Mary Lacey, NSPS program executive officer.

These revisions will be published in the Federal Register later this summer, and implementation of NSPS could begin 30 days after the publication. However, officials stressed that the start date is "event driven" and that implementing instructions must be in place and training must be under way before the system gets rolled out.

Brenda McCain, Randolph's Civilian Personnel Officer, stated it appears the base's transition into the new NSPS would be delayed several months until the spring 2006

timeframe. Randolph was initially slated to begin the transition to NSPS at the start of the year.

More details and training sessions will be forthcoming as more specific dates are learned, Ms. McCain said.

Officials had hoped to begin the first phase of the rollout, called Spiral One, nationally on July 1, but said all along the launch date could change. Locally, Lackland Air Force Base is scheduled to transition to NSPS in this first phase.

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"That (implementation) date is flexible, because we are not going to implement it until we are ready," said Charles Abell, principal deputy under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

NSPS officials said the labor relations part of the program is now expected to begin by September, followed by the performance management element of the human resources system early in fiscal 2006.

All civilian employees will receive the 2006 general pay increase before the pay-for-performance provisions of NSPS begin, officials said.

Spiral One, which will initially affect 60,000 employees, will eventually include about 300,000 U.S.-based Army, Navy, Air Force and DOD-agency civilian employees and managers.

After that, the system will be introduced incrementally over the next two or three years until all 700,000 eligible DoD civilian employees eligible are included, officials said. The system will be upgraded and improved as it goes forward, they said.

The National Security Personnel System is one of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's key initiatives designed to transform DOD operations to better meet 21st-century needs. It replaces an outmoded, 50-year-old civilian personnel management system that had rewarded employees for longevity, he said.

Instead, the new system incorporates a performance-based pay system in tandem with a restructuring of the civilian work force to better support department missions.

NEWS BRIEFS

Gen. Cook receives Order of Sword

Gen. Don Cook, outgoing commander of the Air Education and Training Command, is scheduled to receive the Order of the Sword in a formal ceremony June 14 at the Gateway Enlisted Club at Lackland.

Cocktails start at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m.

AETC change of command

The Air Education and Training Command conducts a change of command ceremony 9 a.m. June 17 on the ramp in front of Base Operations on the east flight line.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be in Hangar 4. Bus transportation is offered following the ceremony from the ramp area to the officer's club.

Parking in the vicinity of Base Operations is limited because of construction in the area.

DoD sexual assault program begins

A Department of Defense Sexual Assault Response and Prevention program kicks off Tuesday. As part of the program, Randolph recently created a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator position. The civilian appointed to the position starts July 24 and will serve as an advocate for victims of sexual assault and conduct education programs.

The interim SARC is Capt. Niki Rasnake, 12th Medical Operations Squadron. The SARC is located in Building 224, Room 13 and can be reached at 652-8787. After business hours, people can call the command post at 652-1859.

Legal office Brown Bag Law series

The 12th Flying Training Wing Judge Advocate office conducts its Brown Bag series, "Basics for Future Air Force Leaders," June 24 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Taj Mahal deliberation room. The topic is Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

CAC expiration and renewal

Members with a CAC due to expire within 60 days may schedule an appointment to renew the card. The military sponsor must be present to sign application forms for dependents' cards.

Call 487-2276 at least 24 hours in advance to set up an appointment.

Scholarship applications due

Applications for the Alamo Chapter of the Logistics Officers Association scholarship program are due via e-mail to Maj. Dana McCown by July 5.

For more information, call Major McCown at 565-4042, or visit the national Web site at www.loanational.org.

BATTLE of the GROUPS

The Battle of the Groups competition kicked off as part of the Operation Summer Survivor: Xtreme Challenge campaign which runs through Sept. 5. The goal of the competition is for base organizations to gather as many points as they can by performing different safety checks or safety related events around base. This week's outstanding performer is Shelta Reese from the 12th Services Division.

GROUP	POP	REP MISHAPS	RATE	DUI	RATE	SEAT BELTS	RATE	PRESENT-ATION POINTS	RATE	TOTAL
MSG	1698	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	68	68.00	168.00
MDG	294	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	37	213.86	313.86
OG	477	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	100.00
MX	427	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	100.00

COMMANDER CONNECTION

This column introduces new unit commanders to the base community.



Maj. Chris Broman
12th Security Forces Squadron commander

- **Date of command:** June 7, 2005
- **12th Security Forces Squadron mission:**
The 12th Security Forces Squadron provides protection in the form of law enforcement and physical security for Randolph AFB.
- **Key to success in the Air Force:**
"Understand how your unit's mission contributes to the larger picture and treat your current position as the most important one you've ever had."
- **Hometown:**
Duluth, Minn.
- **Previous assignments:**
Ellsworth AFB, S.D.

- **Incirlik AB, Turkey**
Minot AFB, N.D.
- **Vision for the unit:**
"Take care of my people so they will take care of our mission."
- **Most memorable military experience:**
"I attended a Basic Military Training graduation recently and asked a young Airman where he wanted to be stationed. He said he didn't care as long as he could serve his country. Witnessing this kind of pride and enthusiasm was one of the most motivating things I've ever seen."

It's the pits



Members of a team at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., participate in a NASCAR pit stop demonstration in 2004. Randolph will host the NASCAR No. 21 Air Force race car for a pit stop demonstration and competition June 23. Twelve seven-member teams from the base will vie for best pit stop based on fewest errors and fastest time. The competition is open to viewing by base members starting at 10 a.m. near the tower on the west flightline. (Courtesy photo)

Blue suits: *Military lawyers do time in federal court*

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

Contrary to popular television images, military lawyers do more than handle cases on base. They also work with the civil federal courts.

This is not a new feature in the career of Air Force lawyers. Military lawyers are confronted with many kinds of cases, from international law to criminal law. These are in addition to the usual cases based on the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

"Prosecution of civil misdemeanor cases in federal magistrate court in San Antonio is just another example of the breadth of experience we receive here," said Capt. Marc Banjak, a lawyer with

the 12th Flying Training Wing staff judge advocate office.

Randolph has three lawyers whose additional duty is to work these cases that involve Class A and Class B misdemeanors. While working these cases, the lawyers carry the title of Special Assistant U.S. Attorney.

"This means we're the prosecuting attorneys in federal magistrate court for cases involving theft of government property or personal property on a military installation where the value is less than \$1,000, and the accused is not a military member subject to the UCMJ," Captain Banjak explained. "When the value is more than \$1,000, it becomes a felony and is outside the scope of the magistrate court."

While some people may think it's

strange for military lawyers to work within the federal court system, there is an excellent working relationship between the military and civilian courts, said Captain Banjak.

"While working as special assistants in the federal system, we handle only cases that originate on military installations," the captain said. "In this way, we help the federal prosecutors manage their case loads."

Most cases coming before the federal magistrate court are satisfied through pre-trial negotiation between the accused and the attorney on duty, Captain Banjak said. The accused always has the right to appear before a judge, with or without an attorney of his or her own choice. The work of the special assistant attorney is one way to

effectively minimize cost to the individual and work load for the court.

"As part of our effort to foster cooperation with the civilian legal community, we are hosting Operation Joint Justice here today," said Capt. Larry Pruitt, chief of military justice for JA.

"Every two years we invite federal and state judges, local district attorneys and assistant federal attorneys, together with federal probation and pre-trial officials to a conference to discuss issues and methods for working together," he said. "This helps us maintain effective working relationships with local civilian legal communities. Everyone benefits from this kind of cooperation."

Lights... camera... action

Theater group takes stage at Randolph, holds auditions

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

For the past three months on Randolph, base members have been getting together in the aerospace physiology building to discuss and rehearse improvisational mini-skits, plays and short films.

The Randolph Player's Artistic Theater Group meets every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at Building 747.

"We started the group on base because we knew it would be unique. There was no group like it," said Senior Airman David Burns, group member. "There are probably many talented people on base who want to act, direct, write or dance and just don't have a place to express their work."

The group currently has about 10 people who attend the weekly meetings.

"We don't have a specific number of people we need for the group," said Airman Burns. "Anyone who wants to come to the group meetings and rehearsals can, whether they want to come one time or join permanently."

The theater group is currently working on two short films, "747 Rock-it to Heaven" and "The Lighter Side of Depression."



Senior Airman David Burns and Airman 1st Class Joseph McNeely, members of the Randolph Player's Artistic Theater Group, discuss camera angles for their upcoming work. (Photo by Jennifer Valentin)

The film "747 Rock-it to Heaven" is a spiritual drama and will be directed by Airman Burns.

The film "The Lighter Side of Depression" will be directed by Airman 1st Class Joseph McNeely, group member. It is a dark tragedy.

Depending on how long the two films take to shoot, the group would love to do more, Airman Burns said. Anyone who has ideas or even finished scripts are also welcome to participate.

"The group is looking for anyone who wants to join, whether they would like to act, write or direct," said Airman McNeely. "There is no such thing as too many people for the group."

Airman Burns said he has loved television ever since he was a young child and it sparked his interest in working with films.

"When I lived in California, I started taking theater classes in college, and I became a professional background artist, which is a fancy term for an extra," said Airman Burns. "I was an extra in movies such as Space Jam and television shows such as Days of Our Lives. I guess when show biz gets in your blood, you take it wherever you go."

Airman McNeely aspires to become a professional writer and director.

The group is holding auditions for the two films currently in the works today from 6-9 p.m. at Building 747, Aerospace Physiology. For more information, call Airman Burns at 652-4931 or Airman McNeely at 652-2566.

Call signs give aviators new name

By 2nd Lt. William Powell
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – Quick. What was Tom Cruise's call sign in "Top Gun?" How about Anthony Edwards, his backseat radar intercept officer in the F-14 Tomcat?

Most fans of the military film are quick to respond with Maverick and Goose. But where do call signs like these come from, and just how are pilots "named?"

Details are scarce concerning the origin of call signs and how the first pilots were named, but the tradition became popular in World War II, said Yvonne Kincaid, an Air Force historian.

"The first call signs were likely used by ground controllers to communicate with pilots, as pilot-to-pilot radio wasn't efficient at that time," she said. "It was faster and easier to call a pilot by his nickname, and it would have confused the enemy in case they were listening."

The call sign has since evolved into a tradition celebrated by each branch of the military. Naming rituals vary by branch and by squadron, but three rules universally apply: Pilots who do not have good names when they arrive at their first operational squadron, will be given new ones; they probably will not like them; and, if they complain, they will get even worse names.

"There are a few different ways a pilot can earn his call sign," said Maj. Pedro Gonzalez, 2nd Fighter Squadron assistant director of operations. "Some

natural call signs play off a person's last name, such as Speedy Gonzalez, Allen Wrench or Specht Tater."

Other people may get named for how they look, such as Shamu if the pilot is carrying a few extra pounds, or named after a movie character he resembles, Major Gonzalez said.

"One pilot here is called Shrek because he looks exactly like the movie character, minus the green color," he said. "No matter what he does, he's not going to get a different call sign."

A pilot will often carry his call sign with him from squadron to squadron and as he moves from base to base. The exception is when a pilot draws attention to himself by acting out of the ordinary, which is another way to receive a name.

"I got my call sign, Mad Dog, after a check ride during my training," Major Gonzalez said. "I 'shot down' three bad guys, which was good, but I also fired at my evaluator, who was one of the good guys."

Mad Dog is what they call an AIM-120 advanced medium-range air-to-air missile that is fired at no predetermined target. It is indiscriminating and will shoot down the first thing it sees, friend or foe, he said.

Depending upon the squadron, a call sign will have more than one explanation behind its origin: one tactical and one highly exaggerated. In some cases, a squadron will name a pilot and then make up a tactical reason for it later. But in all cases, only 10 percent of the story has to be true.

"I was at my naming party in Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, and we had to make radio calls based on what we saw on a pretend radar screen," said Maj.

Christopher Levy, 19th Air Force air-to-air training chief. "Whether or not we got the calls right depended on what we saw. I made some good radio calls, so the squadron decided to name me Yoda. It was either because I was the all-knowing, all-seeing fighter pilot, or because I was a short, funny looking man in green with big ears."

Even innocent-sounding call signs may have an embarrassing or funny story behind them, as is the case with many pilots. Torch is a relatively pleasant name, for example, but Maj. Matthew Esper, 1st FS assistant director of operations, said his story involves him "going down in flames."

"I was selected to run the Olympic torch (before) the Atlanta Olympics," Major Esper said. "I had to run about a mile and then hand the torch to another runner, a Special Olympian. As I approached the handoff point, I concentrated so hard on the handoff that I forgot to look at the pavement, which was slightly uneven. I tripped and fell and broke my fall with my face instead of dropping the torch. The Special Olympian thought it was the funniest thing he had ever seen and gave me no credit for not dropping the torch."

No matter what embarrassing or funny things a pilot does, the call sign he or she receives is normally not too offensive or humiliating. Pilots still have an image to uphold as American defenders.

But as they defend America and her allies, they know one wrong move or embarrassing situation could be summed up in one word and forever immortalized as their call sign.

Playing it safe with gas, flammables

By Daniel Vandergriff
Randolph Fire and Emergency Services

Gasoline is the number one cause of burn injuries among children when used carelessly or improperly.

Gasoline is highly volatile and due to its low flash point, it easily vaporizes when exposed to air. Gasoline vapors can be ignited from a considerable distance by flame or sparks. Because it is heavier than air, it can seek out ignition sources such as a pilot light from a water heater, an electrical spark from a hand tool or a lit cigarette dropped on the ground.



The fire department stresses people use care when filling lawn mowers, chain saws and other gas powered tools. People shouldn't refill gas-powered tools with the engine running or while the manifold is hot, and they should use a funnel to pour the gas to avoid overfilling and spilling.

If gasoline is spilled, allow it to vaporize completely. This will ensure a dry surface and reduce the chance of ignition. Never fill gasoline in a confined space, indoors or in a closed garage.

For more information, call the fire prevention office at 652-6915.

FUEL SAFETY TIPS

- Fuel all powered equipment outdoors
- Move mower or tool away from fueling area before starting engine
- Let engine cool before refueling
- Don't add fuel near an open flame.
- Don't smoke while adding fuel
- Keep children away when fueling or using gas-powered equipment.
- Store fuel in a tightly closed UL-approved container, out of children's reach
- Don't store fuel inside your home even if it's in safety containers.
- Supervise children when they use gas-powered mowers or tools.

30 YEARS AGO

in the Wingspread

☆ The last C-118 in the Air Force active inventory left Randolph for the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base "Bone Yard". This C-118 had been flying for 23 years and was used, among other missions, by President John F. Kennedy and Vice Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard Nixon. This aircraft was the last reciprocating engine aircraft on Randolph.

☆ The "Friends of Freedom," a local group working to help resettle Vietnamese war refugees, is searching for volunteers to sponsor Vietnamese families. By June 1975 more than 300 sponsors were identified but another 200 are needed. Nguyen Huu Quy and his family were one of the families sponsored by Randolph service members. The Quy family fled Saigon on one of the last helicopters to leave the city before it fell to the communists.

☆ All Women in the Air Force (WAF) squadrons will be phased out in the next three months, officials announced. WAF personnel will be assigned to the units in

which they work instead of to WAF-only squadrons.

☆ Initial reports from the field indicated the new officer effectiveness reports are acceptable to users. The new system, created to correct unacceptable trends in OER rating inflation, establishes a mandatory rating distribution for each unit with reviews at major command level.

☆ A prototype Air Force F-16 fighter was displayed at the Paris Air Show for the first time. The fighter completed its refueled, non-stop, trans-Atlantic flight in 7 hours and 30 minutes.

☆ Headquarters Air Force directed all wings to be reorganized into a tri-deputy form effective July 1, 1975, to include a deputy commander for operations, a deputy commander for resources and a deputy commander for maintenance. The position of base commander is still separate from the wing commander.

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Wet workout



Instructor Regina Barak (left) conducts a water aerobics class. The free classes are offered Monday and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the Center Pool at the officers' club. The class is on a first-come, first-served basis and the instructor determines class capacity. For more information, call the fitness center at 652-5316. (Photo by Steve White)

Tour introduces newcomers to historical San Antonio

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

Since its creation in 1992, the family support center's San Antonio tour has provided a way to introduce Randolph newcomers to the city.

The next San Antonio Tour is June 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We encourage those new to the base and city to take the tour. It's a lot of fun," said Sandra Nichols, relocation assistance program manager. "Even if people have been on Randolph a while, they are welcome to come on the tour."

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Sandra Nichols
relocation assistance program manager

The tour visits historic sites such as the Alamo, Mission San Jose, Riverwalk and El Mercado. The group also stops for lunch along the way.

"The variety of places we visit gives newcomers an appreciation of San Antonio," said Ms. Nichols. "We try to include something for everyone, whether it is good food, shopping or a little bit of history."

Up to 25 people can join the tour, said Ms. Nichols. A volunteer tour guide from the base escorts the group.

"Attendees actually get off the bus and

visit the sites, see the city, relax and make new friends," said Ms. Nichols. "Tour members are given the chance to enjoy San Antonio without driving downtown."

The tour is free and open to Randolph members and their families. Attendees are asked to bring money for lunch and can call 652-3060 to sign up. The family support center provides free childcare through the family day care program.

"The tour provides members with a fun relocation experience," said Ms. Nichols. "It fosters interaction and minimizes the stress associated with moving to a new environment."

Missions hold free military night game

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The San Antonio Missions will hold a military appreciation night Wednesday featuring free admission to the team's home game.

The game starts at 7:05 p.m. at Wolff Stadium in southwest San Antonio.

Military personnel will throw out the first pitch, play the national anthem and present the colors prior to the game.

Randolph members can pick up ticket vouchers at the information, tickets and travel office, located at

Building 897, during business hours.

Ticket distribution is made possible by a commercial sponsorship agreement between Force 3, Marconi Federal and the Headquarters Air Education and Training Command services directorate.

For details, call ITT at 652-5640.

Youth center offers opportunity for work, volunteer time

By Jennifer Valentin
Wingspread staff writer

The youth center is offering two programs this summer that give teens the opportunity to earn college money, learn job skills and volunteer on base.

The youth center's Youth Employment Skills program is an on-base program funded by the Air Force Aid Society.

"The program offers high school age dependents of active duty Air Force members assigned to Randolph the chance to learn work skills while having a positive impact on their base community," said Christine Fussell, youth center assistant director.

The YES program participation incentive is in the form of dollar credits for grant funding. The

participant earns \$4 per hour and can volunteer up to 250 hours. This means each participant has the potential of earning up to \$1,000 to use for further education after high school.

"The YES program gives youth an outlet for an extra activity during the summer," said Ms. Fussell. "It teaches them the value of work and helps build their self-esteem."

The youth center also offers a Junior Volunteer Program for youth ages 13 and older, open to Department of Defense employees, contractors and retirees.

"The program is great for those who want to volunteer on base," said Ms. Fussell. "It can be a rewarding experience to give time to people and places who need help."

Participants in the two programs work at

organizations on base such as the dental clinic, fitness center, family support center and skills craft center.

The programs run through the end of summer. Even though the programs started Monday, those interested can still apply.

Applications for both programs are available at the youth center. The applicant will be scheduled for an interview and orientation training.

"Volunteering last year with the YES program was a great experience and a lot of fun," said Chris Masella. "I went on a lot of great field trips during my job and met different people. I was able to earn \$1,000 for college."

Jessica Reinke was a junior volunteer last year and wanted to join the program again this year.

"I thought the program was fun and I enjoyed working with the kids," she said.

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The original text from the official invitation to the dedication ceremony.

Randolph Field dedicated in 1930

Dignitaries from across Texas arrive by train to attend festivities

This article is the sixth in a series celebrating the 75th anniversary of Randolph Air Force Base.

By Bob Hieronymus
Wingspread staff writer

The day finally arrived for the formal dedication of the new Randolph Field June 20, 1930. It had been four years since Congress passed the Army Air Corps Act that started a new era of military aviation.

Aviation had finally reached equality with the Infantry, Artillery and Signal Corps, the other main branches of the Army, although Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell's goal of an independent service still lay 17 years and one war into the future.

It had been almost two years since the site for this "air city" on the banks of Cibolo Creek had been selected. It was developing into the largest federal project since the Panama Canal. According to Capt. Arthur Parker, construction quartermaster from Fort Sam Houston, more than 100 of the planned 500 buildings were under construction.

The sky was dotted with a few clouds, and the temperature was rising quickly from an early morning low of 74 degrees. The San Antonio Express reported by mid-afternoon the temperature would reach a sultry 91 degrees.

A special train brought eager spectators 18 miles from the downtown Southern Pacific station and a steady stream of city buses added thousands more to the crowd. Bus fare from downtown was 50 cents.

Newspaper writers estimated 20,000 people stood on the grass of the west ramp to watch as the governor of Texas, the mayor of San Antonio and various senior Army officers took their places on the specially-built platform to kick off the two-day celebration.

Local newspapers carried eight-page souvenir sections with photos and ads from various companies that had contracts for work on the base. The great stock market crash of 1929 had happened only eight months before, so the hundreds of construction jobs here were a welcome addition to the local economy. The San Antonio evening news reported 900 construction workers were on the job and another 900 were expected to be hired in a few weeks as more contracts were awarded.

Dan Moody, governor of Texas, was scheduled to be the guest of honor on the platform but he was delayed. When he was about a mile from the base on Old Seguin Road, fire broke out in his Caddy. According to one observer, an Army fire truck rushed to the scene but bogged down in mud while attempting a short cut across an open field. Crowds of curious spectators watched as the governor's car



burned up, but he made it to the speaker's platform where he was honored with a 17-gun salute.

Once the governor was in place, the Right Reverend William Capers, Bishop of the West Texas Episcopal Diocese, presented an invocation and a representative of the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce recounted the events that led to the construction of the base.

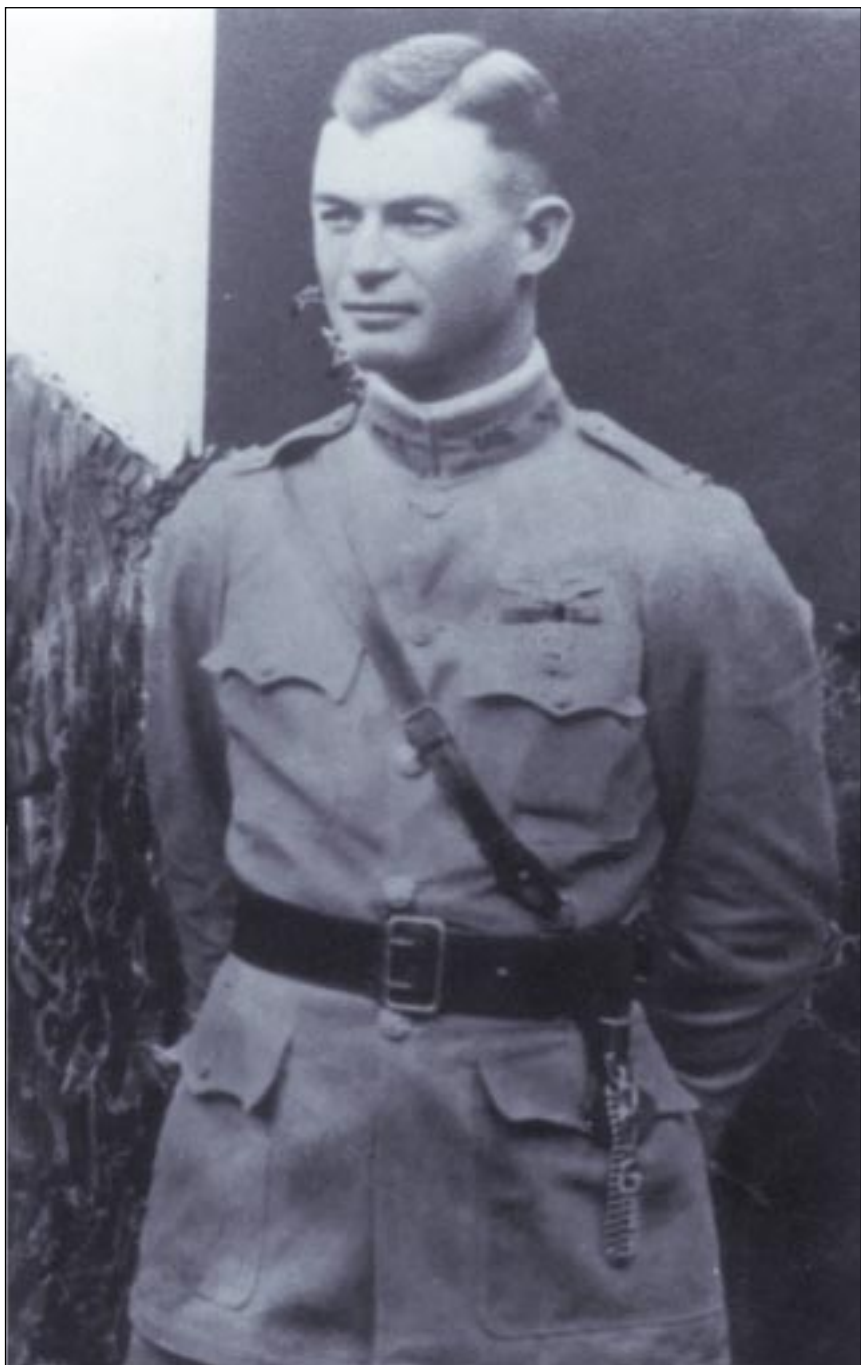
Then San Antonio Mayor C. M. Chambers presented the specially made gold key to the field to Maj. Gen. John Fechet, chief of the Air Corps.

"On behalf of the home and birthplace of Liberty," the mayor proudly said, "I present to the United States Randolph Field, the 'West Point of the Air' . . . this land is presented by the citizens of San Antonio as a token of our love and friendship of our Country and our Flag."

Cornelia Randolph, widow of Capt. William Randolph, then raised the first official flag as the band played the national anthem and a 21-gun salute was fired.

In his remarks, Maj. Gen. Frank Lahm spoke prophetically about the future of the base.

"Aviation is now in its infancy. What the training will be five or 10 years from now, no one can know. But whatever it may be, here is Randolph Field, which we may expect to last three quarters of a century or more and which will prove adaptable to whatever developments aviation training may bring in the future."



Capt. William Randolph, age 34 and then adjutant of the Advanced Flying School at Kelly Field, Texas, was killed Jan. 30, 1928, when his AT-4 trainer airplane crashed at Gorman, Texas. He was a member of the committee in charge of selecting a name for the new air field at the time of his death. The committee unanimously recommended the facility be named in his honor.

Governor Moody took the rostrum as keynote speaker for the event. An excerpt from his speech was quoted in the newspapers.

"It occurs to me that the future of our whole country may depend on a well-trained Air Corps," he said. "All that we are to become may depend on the



A formation of PT-3 trainers swoop low over the grassy field that serves as the west landing field at Randolph Field on June 20, 1930 in celebration of the dedication. Newspaper accounts reported the aircraft flew as low as 50 feet above the field.

In the aftermath of the great stock market crash, thousands gathered to celebrate the hopeful future of military aviation

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Maj. Gen. Frank Lahm
Air Corps Training Center commander

men who are trained on this field. For it seems to me that the two great lines of defense, the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, upon which this country has depended in the past, are now gone. It may be that we must depend upon the heroes of the air for the defense of the future."

The crowd was then treated to a close order flyby of 233 military airplanes, probably most of the Air Corps' total inventory, but certainly the largest assembly of aircraft in this country to that date. This was followed by a mass parachute jump.

The dedication produced another first for the new Air Corps. At the invitation of the Air Corps, Ellen Randolph Ebbs, sister of Captain Randolph, became the first woman to fly a long distance flight in an Army Air Corps plane when she flew as a passenger in an open cockpit biplane from near her home in California to Texas for the dedication.

That evening, an invited list of 600 flocked to the Gunter Hotel in San Antonio for a banquet. The event featured half a barbecued chicken with all the fixings and dancing at the roof garden for \$5 a head.

Congratulatory telegrams from President Herbert Hoover and aviatrix Amelia Earhart were read, much to the appreciation of the crowd.

Special guests included small delegations from the Mexican and Cuban military aviation departments. A formation of three military aircraft, each equipped with red, white and blue lights, passed in a nighttime review over the heads of the party-goers.

The next day Kelly Field held a graduation ceremony for a class of 100 cadets. Three flight students thrilled the crowd with aerobatic maneuvers, and pursuit and attack aircraft put on a mock war demonstration. A small company of Army soldiers parachuted onto the field to attack an "enemy position."

The two-day celebration concluded with an aviation ball Saturday evening at the San Antonio municipal auditorium. Among the festive decorations were 2,500 miniature planes suspended over the dance floor.

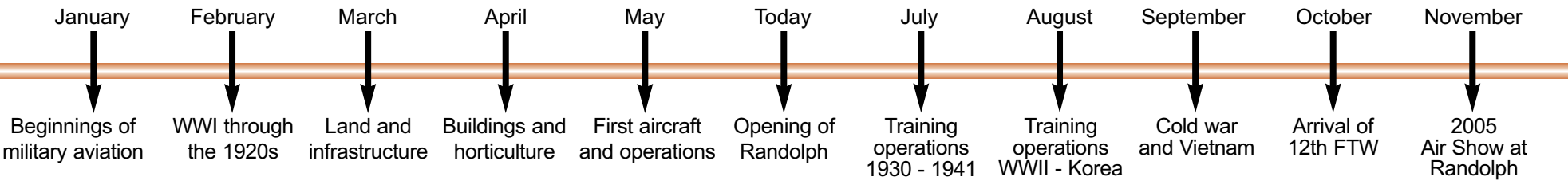
The San Antonio newspapers heralded the events with many columns of stories, interviews and photos. The following Monday, however, workmen returned to their jobs, just happy to have jobs of any kind, and construction on the new "air city" resumed its hectic pace. It would still be almost 18 months before the base was fully operational.

The original investment of \$11 million has paid dividends in terms of service to the nation and the economy. Randolph today employs some 10,400 military and civilian people with an annual payroll of more than



The first official flag is raised over Randolph Field during the dedication ceremony, June 20, 1930, by Cornelia Randolph, widow of Capt. William Randolph, for whom the field was named. (Photos courtesy Air Education and Training Command and 12th Flying Training Wing history offices.)

\$478 million (fiscal year 2004 figures). General Lahm's vision of "75 years" of utility and adaptation for Randolph Field has proved remarkably accurate.



SPORTS BRIEFS

AETC golf tournament

The 3rd Annual Air Education and Training Command Logistics Readiness Division "Spring Fling" golf tournament begins June 24 at 12:30 p.m. at the Olympia Hills Golf Course. The format is a four-person Florida scramble (select shot). The \$55 fee includes green fees, cart, food and drink, and unlimited range balls. Cash prizes are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. To sign up by June 15, contact Master Sgt. Shaun Derry at 652-3905 or Senior Master Sgt. John Maples at 652-5697.

Push-up competition

A push-up competition takes place Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will get one minute to see how many push ups they can do. Push-ups must be within PT regulations. The competition is open to all Department of Defense identification card holders ages 16 and up.

Golf specials

The Monday Super Twilight Golf Special and weekday Reduced Family Golf Special run through Sept. 30. Mondays at noon, people can golf for a \$7 green fee and pay \$5 per person for a cart.

AETC/DP wins volleyball title

AFPC forces deciding match in tight championship finals before losing title bid

By Michael Briggs
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

In a closely played match that saw the score tied 21 times and neither team able to build more than a four-point lead, Air Education and Training Command Directorate of Personnel held off a relentless effort by the Air Force Personnel Center to win the base intramural volleyball championship June 2 at the fitness center annex. DP took the final match 25-21 and 26-24 after falling to AFPC in a three-game match (25-18, 18-25 and 15-7) earlier in the night to force the deciding games in the double-elimination tournament. "Throughout the year, we've been slow starters, but we start to pick up after a few good sets and spikes," said Greg Beaulieu, DP player coach, of the two-match finals. AFPC lost previously to DP in the first round of the playoffs and had to beat four teams to climb out of the loser's bracket en route to the finals. DP had not lost a playoff match heading into the championship round as the lone team remaining in the winners' bracket. While DP was the fourth seed overall, the team had a head of steam entering the tournament. "We really started to gel at the end of the regular season and won our last two matches to build some momentum heading into the playoffs," Beaulieu said of his team's run. In the deciding match, Beaulieu and Nick Lopez had seven kills each and Dennis Peterson had six kills to lead DP's offense. Consistent sets from Billeye Juarez made those spikes possible. "She was a big part of our success," said Beaulieu of Juarez, a former all-Air Force volleyball player. Hitters had to work hard to earn points off spikes in the closely played finals as both sides put up lots of arms to contest hits. Todd Swenson, Jeff Correa, Beaulieu, Lopez and Peterson challenged the AFPC hitters with a barrage of



Nick Lopez of Air Education and Training Command Directorate of Personnel spikes the ball into the block of Jimmy Warren (left) and Jim Layman of the Air Force Personnel Center team during the volleyball finals June 2. (Photo by Steve White)

blocks, while AFPC returned the favor with strong net play from Jim Layman, Alex Barner, Jimmy Warren, Kyle Christie and Joe Helman. Layman and Barner led AFPC's offense with six kills each in the final match.

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